(2) Both the above-named contractors were allowed to remove timber. In 1102 jungle-wood timber of 11 species amounting to cds. 1,250 for Rs. 4,355 was removed. In 1103 both jungle-wood and monopoly timber as shown below were removed:—

(a) Jungle-wood of 15 species of 930 candies for Rs. 2,400.

(b) Monopoly timber of teak and rose-wood of 2,000 candies for Rs. 26,630.

There was no notification inviting tenders for removal of timber in 1102 and in 1103. But it was only for removal of fuel.

(3) Yes. There are instances where both fuel and timber portions got from the trees felled for fuel were given to one and the same contractors, A. Raman Nayar of Kallampara coupe, Sitaram Spinning and Weaving Mills, Trichur.

Assignment of poramboke or puthuval lands.

672. Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House the total areas of *poramboke or puthuval* lands that has been assigned away in the whole State during the last six years and the areas assigned to each community in the State and the total amount of money collected by such assignments ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Vide statement appended (*Appendix VIII.*)

Allotment for Agricultural improvement.

673. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state what they have done with one lakh of rupees set apart for agricultural purposes ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 443 (b) and (c).

Government Officers exempted from payment of toll

674. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the names of Government officers who are exempted from paying toll in the State;

(b) the names of Heads of Departments who have not paid toll to any of the toll contractors during this year ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(a) The Member's attention is drawn to article 258 of *the Land Revenue Manual.*

(b) The information is being collected.

Nemmara Panchayat Administration.

675. Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the number of members of the above Panchayat ;

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(2) the number necessary to make up the quorum ;

(3) whether the Government is aware that administration is conducted by 2 members and the President alone ;

(4) has the Government enquired into the reasons for the same ;

(5) whether the Government is in possession of a resolution from the remaining four members to remove the President and the Panchayat Maistry :

(6) whether the Government has made any enquiry regarding the same resolution ;

(7) if so, to what result ;

(8) if not, why not, and what is the period since the resolution was received ;

(9) have the said 4 members complained about the President for

(a) false submission of lighting charges ; (b) collection of scavenging fees and fines without vouchers and irregular and non-remittance of the same in Taluk Treasury; (c) going against the Superintendent's notification in the matter of entrusting contracts other than by tenders ;

(10) when was the complaint received, and enquiry, if any, was made on the same and with what result ;

(11) whether the above-said President has tendered his resignation;

(12) if so, what stood in the way of Government not to accept the same?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(1) Seven.

(2) Three for ordinary meetings and 4 for special meetings.

(3) Yes.

(4) The matter is being enquired into.

(5) Yes.

(6) & (7) The matter is under enquiry.

(8) Part (1) Vide answer to parts (6) and (7).

(2) The resolution was received by the Superintendent on 16th Kanni 1104.

(9) Yes.

(10) A complaint petition was submitted to the Diwan on 17th Vrischigam 1104. The enquiry which has been started is not yet completed.

(11) Yes.

(12) The resignation was received direct from the President; but it was returned to him for retransmission through the Panchayat as required under the rules. This was not received back again.

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